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Title: Problems being faced by the farmers of Palani, Tamil Nadu due to inadequate supply of Factamfos – 20x20 fertilizers.

SHRI S.K. KHARVENTHAN : Thank you, Sir. Factamfos (20:20) is a popular brand of complex fertilizer in South India and 800 tonnes and 200 tonnes respectively - in total 1000 tonnes daily – of the same is produced by Kochi Division of FACT and Udyogamandal Division Eloor.

However, the daily requirement for southern India is more than 2,500 tonnes. The farmers of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala are the major users of Factamfos (20:20).

In my Palani Parliamentary Constituency, in Oddanchatram, Dharapuram, Dindigul and Palani Taluks, the farmers are producing all kinds of vegetables and through the Oddanchatram vegetable market, they are transporting the same throughout the country. Now, this is the season for growing various kinds of vegetables. The farmers are badly in need of Factamfos (20:20). The agencies dealing with the above fertilizer in Dindigul, Oddanchatram, and Dharapuram areas are getting only lesser quantity from the above factory and even that lesser quantity is diverted to the black market. The farmers are forced to purchase the same from the market at a much higher price.

Hence, I urge upon the Union Government, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers to direct the FACT, Kochi to augment the production of Factamfos (20:20), to regulate its supply and to ensure adequate availability of the same to the farmers at a reasonable price so as to enable them to save the crops.[\[R72\]](#)